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1. ONLY COMMENTARY TO DATE RE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISH REFERRED TO IN REFTEL WAS IN OPPOSITION LA PRENSA (10/23) WHICH IS REPORT OF INTERAMERICAN PRESS SOCIETY (IPA) MEMBERS QUESTIONING PANEL FROM MIAMI HERALD, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, AND COPY NEWS SERVICE ON ROLE AND QUALITY OF US AMBASSADORS TO LA (10/18) AND QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH SEC KUBITSCH AFTER HIS SPEECH BEFORE IPS (10/19). BOTH PUBLISHER OF LA PRENSA, PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO AND PUBLISHER US DIARIO DE LAS AMERICAS, HORACIO AGUIRRE, REPORTED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN QUESTION-ANSWER SESSION.

3. ARTICLE STATES THAT DURING SEC KUBITSCH'S EXCHANGE WITH IPA REPRESENTATIVES, (QUOTE) "THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT THAT HAD COME BEFORE THE PANEL THE PREVIOUS DAY (ON THE ROLE AND QUALITY OF US AMBASSADORS IN LA) AND MR KUBITSCH SAID, REFERRING GENERALLY TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, THAT OUR RELATIONS DO NOT INVOLVE MORAL JUDGEMENTS, THAT IS, THAT (THE US) DID NOT MAKE MORAL JUDGEMENTS ABOUT THE REGIMES WITH WHICH IT MAINTAINED RELATIONS, AND

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REFERRING ESPECIALLY TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN NICARAGUA, HE

STATED THAT HE HAD TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENCE IN ALL US AMBASSADORS, EMPHASIZING THAT HE DID INDEED MAINTAIN SUCH CONFIDENCE, ADDING THAT NEVERTHELESS THE BEHAVIOR OF (AMBASSADORS) WAS EVALUATED BY AN OFFICE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT." (END QUOTE).

4. CONTINUES, (QUOTE) "IN THE CASE OF CHILE, YOUNG STUDENTS ASKED MR KUBITSCH IF THE US HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE (CHILEAN) COUP D'ETAT AS IT HAD, THE STUDENTS ASSERTED, IN BRAZIL. MR KUBITSCH REPLIED THAT NEITHER WAS TRUE (INTERVENTION IN BRAZIL OR CHILE) AND HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN BOTH CASES." (END QUOTE).

5. ASST. SEC. KUBITSCH'S REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ABOUT INTERVENTION IN BRAZIL AND CHILE WERE SUPPORTED BY BOTH BRAZILIAN AND CHILEAN NEWSMEN PRESENT AT Q-A SESSION. (QUOTE) "(BRAZILIAN NEWSMEN) STATED THAT THE PRESENT BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS A DICTATORSHIP WITH WHICH THEY WERE IN DISAGREEMENT, BUT THAT ITS ORIGIN WAS POPULAR AND MOREOVER BROUGHT ON BY PRESSURE FROM THE PEOPLE." (END QUOTE). ON US INTERVENTION IN CHILE, CHILEAN NEWSMEN PRESENT STATED THAT, (QUOTE) "IT WAS ABSURD TO SAY THAT THE US HAD INTERVENED IN THEIR COUNTRY, ALTHOUGH IT WAS EASY TO PROVE THAT CUBA HAD INTERVENED." (END QUOTE).
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